

## NABE Threatened in Financial Forecast

A significant portion of the operating monies that keep the Neighborhood House open and staffed might very possibly not be available as of this July 1. Much of the money that currently goes toward operating the Potrero Hill facility comes from the Social Development Center and much of their funding is threatened with extinction.

The Social Development Center, an educational and rehabilitation service facility primarily for mentally retarded adults, seems certain to lose a major portion of its present funding within the next few months.

Last year's federal revenue sharing money amounting to \$37,000 has been gone for several months and the Social Development Center, according to Program Manager Mark Freudenthal, has been since funded on a "catch as catch can basis." The Center's budget was nearly \$55,000 last year.

As the Social Development Center's budget is nearly 40% of the total Nabe budget, any severe funding cut in the Center's operations will seriously affect the Nabe as well.

Nabe Board President, Carol Payne, stated that she did not "even want to think about it if the program is cut." She emphasized that approximately \$850 each month comes from the Development Center to the Nabe. Much of that money is used to heat and light the Neighborhood Center, as well as salary some part-time staff.

Freudenthal does feel, however, that much of the rehabilitation work of the Center will be able to be continued. He pointed out that, although his program's funding was adversely affected six months ago, the program itself is continuing. Emergency money from the Mission Mental Health, a community organization funded out of City Hall, has partially solved the problem.

The Potrero Hill Social Development Center is by no means the only agency in fiscal difficulty. Both Governor Reagan and President Nixon have directed their administrators to tighten the budgetary belts. Additionally, the effects

of the impoundment of funds at the federal level and the closing of the mental hospitals in California are now beginning to be felt locally, such as on Potrero Hill. And to complicate the financial situation further, City Hall last year overspent its revenue sharing budget by \$15 million. Because of this, the Mayor's budgetary analyst, George Grubb, offered little hope for a renewal of the \$37,000 revenue sharing funding that the Hill's Social Development Center received last year.

The most optimistic note in the whole situation came from Mike Murray, legislative assistant to Assemblyman John Burton.

Approximately \$30 million in revenue sharing has been cut by the federal government to California. This money, says Murray, now must come from Sacramento. He believes that the legislature will appropriate the money and that fiscal crises, such as faced by the Hill's Development Center, can be solved by funding the programs through the Home-maker Program.

The problem, says Murray, is to get a bill to the Senate floor by May 1 and secure 27 Senate votes, enough to override a Reagan veto and ensure passage of the "urgency clause" legislation. Murray is reasonably certain that the Assembly would encounter little difficulty in passing such legislation.

Meanwhile, Freudenthal's Social Development Center and the Nabe will continue to operate as they have for six months, on less money but as best they can. Freudenthal already believes the Center can get about \$7,000 from the Golden Gate Regional Center. And a grant for \$5,300 from the Galileo Community Education Center has been renewed. He is also optimistic that the United Bay Area Crusade will provide \$12,000 in funding.

But, if the grants are not secured soon by the Development Center, both it and the Nabe will soon be in trouble. The current emergency funding ends June 30 and the prospects of its renewal are also dim.



Angry Wisconsin Street residents want to clean up the long vacated lots between 23rd and 26th Streets. They would like to make the sites into a park.

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### The Pros & Cons

## A PG&E Rate Hike?

Two public forums on whether Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) should raise their rates will be held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House this month. Both occurring on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., April 9 and 16, the forums will individually examine the pro's and con's of the proposed rate increase. The Nabe is located at 953 De Haro Street.

Electricity and Gas for the People (E&GP) will speak first, April 9, with PG&E rebutting the following Tuesday. Originally proposed and approved by the Nabe's Board of Directors as a debate for April 9, the format was changed when PG&E refused to participate at a meeting or gathering where E&GP representatives would be present.

E&GP is a newly formed coalition of Bay Area volunteers opposed to the pending PG&E utility rate increase. PG&E is seeking approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a \$233 million rate hike that would affect all PG&E users.

At a lengthy monthly meeting last March, the Nabe's Board of Directors voted to endorse the program of E&GP but delayed a vote of affiliation with the anti-PG&E group until a legal question concerning the Nabe's tax-exempt status could be clarified.

In a March 28 letter to Board President Carol Payne's invitation, PG&E Division Manager John Black stated that "it is our policy not to debate the subject of our proposed rate increase." He further stated that "it would be inappropriate for PG&E to participate at a public debate on a matter presently at issue" before the PUC.

In response to Payne's suggestion that PG&E present their case to the public "without debating E&GP" but on the "same evening," Black stated that that would not be possible for PG&E. He said PG&E was only able to participate without the scheduled presence of E&GP.

The April forums are tentatively titled "Should PG&E Raise Their Rates?" Since PG&E formally sought the rate hike approval from the PUC this past December, and E&GP formally came out in opposition to it this January, the increase has sparked significant controversy and debate among politicians, the media and various consumer-oriented activist groups.

It has been calculated that PG&E's \$233 million rate hike will add \$40 annually to the average family utility bill. PG&E contends that the increase is necessary to pay increased fossil fuel costs and maintain the margin of profits necessary to attract future stock investments. E&GP claims that the \$243 million in profits PG&E earned last year provides enough of a cushion to maintain the currently charged utility rates.

At last month's Board of Directors meeting the central issue debated was whether the Board should "affiliate with E&GP or merely 'endorse' their five-point program. Board member Joe Passen moved that the Nabe 'endorse' the E&GP program and a majority of the Board concurred.

Despite E&GP representative Skip Conrad's urgings to the Board to the contrary, the Board decided not yet to affiliate with E&GP. Several members of the Board believed that affiliation with E&GP would be tantamount to deciding to undertake a "political course of action" - something that might eventually affect the Nabe's

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### Daily Hot Lunches For Senior Citizens

Hot, nutritious lunches are being served to Seniors every Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street at Southern Heights. The suggested fee of 50¢ can be adjusted for those who cannot afford to pay. Anyone over 60 is eligible for program, and invited to participate.

Bi-weekly menus will be posted at the Potrero Library, 1616 20th St.; Atchison's Pharmacy, 1607 20th St.; Housing Authority Office, 1095 Connecticut St.; Saint Teresa's Church, 19th and Connecticut Sts.; and the Nabe, 953 De Haro St.

The main program objectives are to help Senior citizens who are living on fixed and limited incomes by reducing the effects of spiraling inflation, and for everyone to

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### Neighborhood Arts Funds Saved

Revenue sharing funds for neighborhood cultural facilities and services were saved from the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee axe last March 28, when several dozen community people appeared to testify in the Board's chambers in City Hall.

Committee Chairman Robert Mendelsohn and Supervisor John Molinari insisted the appropriation for the communities be tied to the first \$1 million appropriation for the proposed Performing Arts Center, a huge two-theatre, parking garage, warehouse project, now scheduled for Marshall Square just south of the Main Library in Civic Center.

Supervisor Diane Feinstein voted against the PAC money "at this time."

Enola Maxwell, director of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, told the Committee, "Artists perform a vital service in our neighborhoods. You can't back down on your promises to them now."

The Neighborhood House was listed as one of eight neighborhood facilities to get help last October, when the Art Commission and Mayor Alioto announced the plans, the former Olivet Church at 19th and Missouri was also to be re-opened as an arts center extension of the Neighborhood.

#### — Brrrrr! —

A serious crisis has developed at the Headstart school, 824 Carolina Street.

The outdated heating unit is non-functioning. And the classrooms are COLD!!

The cost of replacing the furnace, \$1,000.00, cannot be met at this time by the owners of the building, the Neighborhood House.

Call 826-8080 for information, offer of help, and/or money.



Citizens' Complaint

Residents Demand Wisconsin Site Park

In response to deteriorating conditions in their neighborhood, a group of residents on the south side of the Hill are taking action to demand that the city convert the vacant Wisconsin site into a park.

The group, which includes homeowners as well as renters, has reported to the VIEW that their neighborhood has been faced with a rat invasion which they claim is due to the mounds of garbage and rubble dumped on the city-owned Wisconsin site.



Broken foundations with six-foot drop-offs; protruding street reinforcing rods; and abundant broken glass provide hazards to the neighborhood's children who are forced to play in the area for lack of other, available recreational facilities.

The Wisconsin site, located between 23rd and 26th Streets, and between De Haro and Wisconsin Streets, is owned by the city and has gone unused since the temporary World War II housing units were torn down in 1959.

The area of Potrero Hill surrounding the Wisconsin site suffers from lack of regular street cleaning and residents complain that they must initiate calls to the Department of Public Works for service.



There is no easily accessible recreation area. Children are forced to play in busy intersections and this situation, the residents insist, encourages vandalism.

The concerned group plans to circulate a petition among residents de-

manding that the city live up to its responsibility of improving neighborhoods by making the garbage-strewn, rat-infested Wisconsin site into a park. This acreage, with its spectacular views, good weather, and large area would provide recreational space for the entire Hill, and also go a long way towards reversing the neighborhood deterioration trend.

Those interested in helping this petition plan can contact Greg or Marian, 282-2441, or Peter at 824-9071.

Free Hospital Bus Service

Outpatient transportation to Potrero Hill provided by San Francisco General Hospital runs Monday through Friday free of charge. All service departs from and returns to the East Parking Lot, Building 9, SFGH.

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9:20	11:35	3:20	Missouri & Watchman
9:23	11:38	3:23	1225 22nd St.
9:26	11:41	3:26	22nd St. & Minnesota
9:29	11:44	3:29	18th St. & Missouri
9:32	11:47	3:32	18th St. & De Haro
9:35	11:50	3:35	Patrick Henry School
9:38	11:53	3:38	Southern Heights & De Haro
9:45	12:00	3:45	East Parking Lot

For individual taxi service between these times, call the hospital directly at 834-7677.



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Tax Action

A Tax Action Day of protest has been planned for Monday, April 15, 1974, at 12:00 noon.

Sponsors of the action, California Citizen Action Project (Nader affiliate), and Movement for Economic Justice, state that "Standard Oil earned \$334 million in 1972 but paid only \$19 million, or 5.8% in taxes - or about the same percent a \$15,000 wage earner pays. Nixon paid only 0.3% in 1970."

The April 15 noon rally will be held at the Standard Oil Building, 555 Market Street.

For more information call 826-0555.

Income Tax Information

On Thursdays, April 4 & 11, 7-10, and Saturday, April 13, 3-5, two volunteers from TELEPHONE PIONEER, will be at the Nabe to help hill residents fill out their Income Tax Forms.

For more information, call Richard Lovett at 542-7301 from 9-4:30, 282-8370 evenings.

Heavies

The Potrero Hill Counseling Center announces the opening of an Obesity Clinic, beginning April 2 through May 7.

The six-week sessions will include group therapy, nutrition counselling, and meal preparation.

First meeting will be held April 2, 10 a.m., at 1245-22nd St.

Program coordinators are: Louise Borgman, Nutritionist, and Jettie Harrison, Social Worker.

For Registration, please call Ms. Harrison at 558-5335.

Soul Patrol at Nabe

A small but enthusiastic group of concerned citizens were on hand at the Nabe on Monday, March 11th, as the Soul Patrol wheeled in to field questions on Police Community Relations. The Patrol, Black officers Edward Lawrence and Lawrence Price, work the 3 to 11 shift out of Southeast Station and are a familiar duo on the streets of Potrero Hill.

Responding to angry charges of rudeness by some officers in dealings with Hill residents, Lawrence and Price stressed that new methods are now in use to screen prospective police officers and an increasing emphasis is now placed on psychological training. One new training program cited was Project Diversion, a four-week course in crisis intervention which every San Francisco police officer must complete. Through improvisational psychodrama, officers are confronted with a variety of domestic conflicts to prepare them for actual situations.

Nabe House NEWS

953 De Haro St. 826-8080

All Services and Activities FREE of Charge

DINNER MEETING: Friday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from the California Tax Reform Association will discuss the inequities and loopholes of the present tax system.

ENTERTAINMENT after dinner by the Mantric Sun Mountain Band.

Bring a dish or 50¢ for dinner.

JAZZ DRUM CLASSES: Will begin Mon., April 8, 7-9 p.m., for beginners. Advanced classes will start Wed., April 24, 7-9 p.m.

THEATRE WORKSHOP: Learn stage & film acting techniques, stage directing, film criticism & playwriting. T & Th, 4-6 pm, age 13 & over. Stephanie Jack, Ins.

FRO-HAITIAN DANCE: Learn & experience exotic movements. Wear leotards & tights. Meet in gym M & W, 5:30-7 pm. Darlene Johns. Inst.

TUTORING: Having trouble with reading, writing or arithmetic? Get help on T & Th, 3-5 pm, ages 7-13.

CHESS CLUB: Learn to play chess now. Meet in Nabe office M & Th, 6:30-10:30 pm. James Edwards, Instructor.

MUSIC WORKSHOP: Youth Choir, W, 3:30-5 pm, & Sat, 3-5 pm ages 10-18. Beg. & Interm. Guitar Lessons, M, 6-8 pm. Folk, Classical, Popular & Jazz tech. will be offered. Pls. try to bring yr. own guitar. Anthony O. Wheaton, Music Dir., 431-0512.

RADIO WORKSHOP: M, T & TH, 7-9 pm, age 12 & over. Meet in lower level Game Rm. Learn interviewing, announcing, microphone & audio techniques, script writing, drama & radio history. Helen Jones, Inst.

JUDO: Black-Belt, Self-Defense, Sat., 8-10 am. Boys 8-16; Sat., 5-6 pm. Girls 8-16. Anthony Lincoln, Instructor.

YOGA: Wear loose clothing. Meet in Frazier Rm, T, 6:30 pm, Frank Kellum, Instructor.

CERAMICS CLASS for adults, M & T, 6-10 pm, taught by Mr. Ayodele Waddell, from Nigeria, Africa, a student of the S.F. Art Institute.

HEALTH SERVICES through the S.F. Dept. of Public Health. For info & appt. call 558-3905 or 558-3319.

HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC: 1st working Th. every mo., 12:30-4.

WELL BABY CLINIC: 2nd & 4th working Th. every mo., 12:30-4.

BROWNIES: 6-8, meet in lwr. level, Scout rm., Th, 3-4:30 pm, Ester Ostrat, Trp. Ldr. For more info call 826-1727.

CUB SCOUTS: 8-13, meet in lwr. level, Scout rm., T, 7-9 pm. Bernice Hartig, Pk. Ld.

GIRL SCOUTS: 9-12. Meet in Frazier Rm., Sat, 1-3 pm, B. Hartig, Trp. Ld.

RECREATION & SPORTS: Play ping-pong, basketball, volleyball & lift wts. Meet in gym M & W, 3-5:30 pm; T, Th & Fri, 3-7 pm. Gerald Dabbs, Recreation Supervisor.

MOVIES: See top ranking films every Th, 3:30 pm. Meet in Frazier Rm.

POTRERO GUILD: 3rd F, 10 am, every mo. Meet in Frazier Rm.

ARTS & CRAFTS WORKSHOP: Create w/clay, paper, paints, beads, etc. M-Fri, 3-5 pm, ages 3-18. Sophie Kellum, Ins.

left alone, could be on the road to real trouble.

Drug abuse continues to be a major problem on Potrero Hill, particularly among young people. Lawrence and Price have worked extensively in this area but concede that peer pressure is the most effective deterrent. Despite a major crackdown on drug traffic on the Hill, drugs remain available in the schools.

Food For Seniors

(Continued from page 1) enjoy the programs planned to enliven the lunches.

The Nabe facilities are at the disposal of all residents to develop programs of special interests. Additional plans in this program are to provide supportive social services, including health, welfare and legal counseling, consumer and nutritional education, and recreational opportunities.

The California Office of Aging and the Mission Rebels in Action are the program sponsors, work-

ing in cooperation with the Neighborhood House. The Mission Rebels will provide the food service and work with the Nabe on supportive services.

Transportation is needed for seniors who are unable to use and/or do not have access to public transportation.

Volunteers, those in need of transportation, or more information, call Maria at the Nabe, 826-8080, or Mary Lou at the Mission Rebels, 431-2224 or 431-8000.



## Air Time by Local Group

Residents of Potrero Hill tuned into radio station KPOO-FM (89.5 on the dial), on Tuesday, April 2, from 7 to 9 a.m., will be entertained by improvisations by the local junior high school Broadcasting Group and music by the Julian Jazz Ensemble.

Other entertainment will include scenes from the current Julian Theatre production, and interviews with people from the community.

The Broadcasting Workshop is open to all residents of the Hill. Other grade through high school meet on Monday afternoons, 3 to 5 p.m. Older people meet Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

Meetings take place at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street.

## Julian Theatre

The Julian Theatre is presenting two new plays in the group's New Play Series.

"After Dinner," by Peter Simon, and "Welcome to the Funeral of One of Us," a play for voices by Noel T. Coughlin, will be seen on Sunday, April 7, at 8 p.m., at the theatre, 953 DeHaro Street.

Admission is free or by donation.

## Sabre Exhibit

A "Return to Nature" theme for the paintings of Hill resident Linette Sabre will be featured at The Studio Gallery, 60 Union Street, (on the waterfront), April 24 - May 8, 1974.

## Pre-Easter Show, Dinner, Dance

Hill youth group UNIFIX is sponsoring a pre-Easter dinner show and dance, Saturday, April 13, 1974, at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street.

The dinner and show is from 3 to 6 p.m., and the dance will start at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3.00 at the door, or \$2.50 advance.

For more information and tickets, call Derrick Richardson, 826-5646.



One of 52 photos taken in Asia in an exhibit of Erik Weber's opening in April at the S. F. Museum of Art.

## Photo Exhibit

## Asian Travels Featured In Museum Show

A fluke brought him to photography.

In 1963 Erik Weber found a much needed job as an assistant working in the darkroom at Macy's photo department in downtown San Francisco.

Now, 11 years later, Erik's photos, depicting his three-year sojourn through Asia, will be on exhibit at the San Francisco Museum of Art, Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street, from April 9 to June 9, 1974.

Entitled "Portrait of a Travelling Mind," the "photos are a symbolic map of my mind and do not necessarily reflect on the subject matter," Erik explained.

"Lots of people in my generation gave up what we had here in this country and so they split--went elsewhere," he continued.

When Erik and wife Loie travelled to India it was to be for a month's visit. At the end of the month they were in Calcutta and decided to stay on for a while. The stay lasted for a year.

"Language wise we could only communicate with each other or a few other Americans we ran into in our travels," Erik continued, "You really have to learn to rely on your companion more than ever."

A San Franciscan since the age of five, Erik attended Polytechnic High School and most of his work experience is locally based.

After his stint at Macy's, Erik was employed at Halberstadt's as an assistant on advertising layout work. After that, he spent some time in the film department at educational television channel KQED.

When the Webers returned from abroad in 1970, Erik reviewed his collection of photos from the journey and decided to publish them as a book. With Loie, he has worked on the project on and off since then.

In late 1972 Erik approached John Humphrey, curator at the San Francisco Museum of Art, with his still unfinished book of photos. Humphrey immediately offered a show, but not before 1974.

Out of a total of 7,000 images, with difficulty, Erik has selected only 52 photos to exhibit in this show.

"This is not a travelogue--it's an attempt on my part to show, visually, what feelings were going on in head," said Erik. "In order to say what I wanted to say, the photographs must be seen as a group."

Working at various trades to earn a living, Erik feels that "although photography helped me to see, I prefer using my hands in working with wood and creating. It's far more fulfilling for me now."

The Webers have been Hill residents for almost four years, establishing their home shortly before the arrival of daughter Selena, now three.

# CULTURE

## Annual Art Show

The 19th annual Potrero Hill Artists' Show will open on April 22, at the Potrero Branch Library, 1616 20th Street.

The exhibit will open with a preview and reception Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m. The reception will honor the artists who helped put the show together.

Musicians are invited to bring instruments for impromptu performances throughout the evening.

## Funds Saved

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No money has been spent on any of the centers in the six months since the announcement.

Julian Theatre director Richard Reineccius, who coordinates the city's Community Coalition for the Arts, read from a lengthy statement, noting that the Board had just approved millions of dollars in pay raises, "to put a few coins on top of city employees' paychecks. But what will they do with those coins," he asked, "if there is no music to hear, no artists to paint or sculpt, no actors, mimes or jugglers to make them laugh or think? Will the tourists, too, have anything but the polluted bay to come here and see?"

As to the money for building the Performing Arts Center, retired Bank of America Executive Director Samuel B. Stewart stated, "this million dollars isn't much, but it represents a commitment by the city that the Center will be built. Huge sums of money will be needed before the project is complete," he noted. Then he chided the Supervisors, who are facing a budget deficit of at least \$30 million for the coming year. "Raise the taxes. Raise my taxes and everyone else's. Make everybody pay their fair share!"

## Library News

### New Council

An Advisory Council of children is being formed at the Potrero Branch Library, 1616 20th Street. For suggestions for new kinds of programs at the library, or questions about what the library does and why, contact Carol Small about being an Advisor.

### Story Hour

The story hour for pre-school children continue each week, Tuesdays at 11:15 and at 2:15.

### Children's Art Show Planned

This year the Children's Art Show at the library will open on May 22 and close on June 12.

Any child between the ages of 3 and 13, inclusive, is invited to contribute up to two items in any media.

The works will be exhibited, but not judged, at the library for three weeks.

For further information, call Carol Small at the library, 285-3022.

## Arts Resource Directory

In order to compile and publish a directory, the Community Arts Resource Group is seeking information about groups, persons, formal organizations, on-going events, festivals and learning situations related to any of the arts in San Francisco.

The Directory will provide easy access for artists and community arts groups to each other and will offer residents of the city greater access to the arts. All of those listed will receive free copies upon publication, which date is anticipated to be in early summer.

Contact Marvin Foster, S. F. State University, Department of Interdisci-

plinary Creative Arts, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132.

## New Women's Group Benefit

A performance of music and poetry, to benefit Creative Compulsion, a new Mission women's production group, will be presented at the Julian Theater, 953 De Haro St., Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 8 p.m.

A donation of \$2 is requested.

Call 558-2335 for information.

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Leon Richardson jumps for two in Sacramento.

## Assembly Legislation

In February, the Assembly unanimously approved legislation by John L. Burton, increasing state payments to nursing homes providing care to developmentally disabled persons.

The legislation, AB 2911, passed by a 64-0 vote, is designed to prevent the

closure of several nursing homes facing shutdowns.

The measure will raise the state payment rate to nursing homes from \$16.00 to \$21.00 per day for developmentally disabled patients referred from regional centers at a statewide cost of \$6 million.

## E&GP

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tax-exempt corporate status.

Affiliation with E&GP would have entitled the Nabe to two voting members on the E&GP Assembly, the voting members of the organization.

The five-point E&GP program that the Board did endorse is the following: 1) A PUC denial of the proposed PG&E rate hike; 2) The same basic charge per kilowatt hour used for all energy users; 3) A minimum, affordable and fixed "lifeline" charge to residential energy users that would be increased only if the residence used more energy than necessary; 4) A full, public examination of the municipalization of PG&E; and 5) An end to collusive price fixing and profiteering between PG&E and the oil companies.

The April 9 and 10 forums at the Neighborhood House are free to the public and all Hill residents are urged to attend.

## Spring Planting

Within a week or two following the end of a rainy spell the soil is in ideal condition for preparation. If there is a sun receiving spot of earth, unoccupied and accessible, very little effort is needed to convert it into food. The price and quality of vegetables on the market should be enough to encourage the laziest slug in town to grow its own.

Spade the soil the depth of the shovel. Rake and remove the rocks and debris which were collected before and during spading. Dump the soil amendments (humus, manure, etc.) on the area, and spread evenly with rake. Wait about a week.

Weed the plot, and spade in the soil ammendments. The second spading is much easier than the first.

Take another week break. The reason for the waiting is to allow the germination of weed seeds.

Before planting your seeds hoe or weed the newly-emerged weedlings, rake and grade the area, and make rows according to the potential size of the plants. For even exposure of sun it is best to lay out the rows East-West, and to sow the larger vegetables on the north side, the smallest on the south side.

Do not sow heavily or thickly. If you do you create one of two situations: 1) you must get down on your knees and elbows and painfully thin out the seedlings as they become crowded or reap the consequences; 2) harvest a crop that was unable to receive sufficient light, and was in intense competition for soil nutrients. Thick growth is an ideal situation for insect reproduction, disease infestation, and unremovable weed growth. Plant only as deep as recommended by seed producers, usually 2-3 times the size of a seed. Cover the seed and lightly tamp down. Do not pack tight, nor walk on the furrows.

All is done except watering, occasional light weeding, and harvesting. When seeds are first sown they should be kept moist, but not soaked (can drown). The ideal way is to spray with a fine mist of water overhead, being very careful not to wash the seeds away. Start the misting from the moment of planting until the seedlings have 3-4 sets of leaves. At that time occasional deep watering is best. The weather, exposure to wind (drying), and the particular variety of plant, along with some common sense, will tell you when to water.

Check packs of seed packets, or seed catalogs for recommendations. Mix equal parts of sand (not salty beach), pulverized peat moss, and ordinary garden soil (light loam). Sterilize by pouring boiling water over mixture, let cool, spread out in container with drainage, sow seeds and keep moist (mist is best). Can transplant after third set of leaves.

## Masters Swim Program

A twice-weekly swimming program for adults, providing structured workouts ultimately leading to competitive swim meets, has been organized at Garfield Pool, 20th and Harrison Streets. All that is necessary is a desire to improve swimming skills.

The workouts are held Tuesdays and Fridays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. Per session the cost is 50¢.

Anyone interested can call Greg or Marian, 282-2441, or come to the next swim session.

## Boy Scouts

Troops 44 and 55 of the Boy Scouts, formerly meeting at Daniel Webster School, will be meeting at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street, Wednesday nights, 7 to 9 P.M.

Scout Master Charles Akus and Assistant Donald Payne will welcome any boy, 11 years or over, who wishes to become a member of the Boy Scout troops. For further information call 282-9635.

## want ads

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FOUND Tiger striped female cat 1 yr old, 20th/DeHaro. Want to find owner or good home. Call Jill: 824-3549 or 542-4489.

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## Rec Center News

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### BASKETBALL

Potrero Hill Rec Center's Annual Basketball leagues are coming to a close with the 18 yr and over division having Chet LaBlac's and Richard Harrison's team in the finals.

The 13 yr old Division was captured by Cookie Love's team.

Two all-star teams were chosen and both journeyed to Sacramento and beat each team from the State Capital.

### GIRL'S BASKETBALL

A girl's basketball playday will be held soon and the Rec Center will once again enter a team.

### SOFTBALL

Four softball teams have been chosen at the Rec Center and they will compete in a two-month league to be held on the home field.

### BASEBALL

Two baseball teams are in the offering for youngsters 14 yrs and under, and 15 yrs old. Play will be on Saturday. See Jon or Jesse if interested.

### GIRL'S TRACK

A girls city-wide track meet is being organized at the Rec Center, so kick on up if you are interested.

### TENNIS, TRAMPOLINE, SLIM & TRIM CLASSES

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